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**Comments:** Please see attached pages.

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Application No.: 10/057,207  
 Filing Date: January 25, 2002  
 First Named Inventor: Michael G. Lacey  
 Group Art Unit: 1724  
 Examiner Name: Frank M. Lawrence, Jr.  
 Attorney Docket No.: SVC 7644US (A-3107)

### REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

#### 1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other:

#### 2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other:

#### 3. FEES The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 162201.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Other: 1 independent claim fee
- b. ☐ A Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

#### SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT OF RECORD

Name (Print/Type) Ronald W. Hind Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 24,643

Signature: Ronald W. Hind. Date: February 10, 2004

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Docket No.: SVC 7644US

Applicant: Michael G. Lacey	Group Art Unit: 1724
Serial No.: 10/057,207	Examiner: Frank M. Lawrence, Jr.
Filed: 25 January 2002	Docket No.: SVC 7644US (A-3107)
For: MOLDED CORE FILTER DRIER	

St. Louis, Missouri  
Date: February 10, 2004

VIA FACSIMILE

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is:

- ☒ An amendment in the above-identified application in response to the Office Actions dated 1 May 2003, 29 September 2003 and 12 November 2003;
- ☐ A Petition For Extension of Time for months.
- ☒ No additional fee is required. \$86.00 (Deposit Account)

Small Entity Status:

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
- ☒ Applicant DOES NOT claim small entity status.

The fee has been calculated as shown:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate - Other Than A Small Entity	Rate - Small Entity	Additional Fee
Total Claims	16 -	20 =	0	\$18.00	\$9.00	0.00
Indep. Claims	8 -	7 =	1	\$86.00	\$43.00	\$ 86.00
Total Additional Fee:						\$ 86.00

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**AMENDMENT D  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER §1.114**

Sir:

In response to the Office actions dated 1 May 2003, 29 September 2003 (Interview Summary), and 12 November 2003 (Notice of Allowance) please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.